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AMENDMENT

This paper is being submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002 in connection with the above-captioned application. The three-month date for responding to the Office Action was September 18, 2002. This amendment is filed with a Petition and Fee for an Extension of Time for a period of three (3) months. With this Extension of Time, the amendment will be due on December 18, 2002, which is within the six-month statutory period.